

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2017

Clerk Reese read the following statement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 5, 2017 by sending written notices to the Echoes Sentinel and Courier News, posting on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk.

This meeting is to be taped for broadcast on the Access Channel and everyone is required to comply with the policies and procedures governing access programming for the Access Channel. No mention of political affiliation or political advertising shall take place at this meeting or it will be deleted from any rebroadcast of the meeting.

At 7:03 PM Mayor Garafola opened the Public Meeting.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Garafola, Deputy Mayor Sordillo, Committeeman Lazo were present. Committeeman Marion and Committeeman DiNardo were absent.

Also present was Administrator Krane, Township Attorney Lehrer and Township Clerk Reese.

RECREATION VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION was deferred to the April Meeting

Committeeman Lazo made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-83, APPOINTING LORETTA CALIGUIRE AS TAX COLLECTOR.** Roll Call: All in favor.

Administrator Krane that after 12 applications and 6 Interviews, Ms. Caliguire was the most qualified and experienced. She will be part time and work 15 hours per week.

Mayor Garafola opened the **PUBLIC HEARING on the Hillcrest Road Sewer Assessment**, and as there was no public comment, Mayor Garafola closed the Public Hearing.

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Lazo, to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-84, HILLCREST ROAD ASSESSMENT REPORT**
Roll Call: All In favor

Mayor Garafola appointed David Pasi as a Class IV member of the PLANNING BOARD, term expires 12/31/2018 and Louis Esposito as Alternate #2. Term expires 12/31/2107.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – there were none at this time

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committeeman Lazo made a motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo to approve Regular and Executive Sessions of February 16, 2017. Roll Call: All in favor

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS OR OFFICIALS – there were none at this time

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Deputy Mayor Sordillo attended the Eagle Scout ceremony, and Committeeman Lazo attended the Recreation Dept. Sports Award dinner. Mayor Garafola attended the blessing of the new alter at our Lady of the Mount Church. All spoke about the events.

There were no **COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

BILLS

Committeeman Lazo made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-85**, to pay the bills. Roll call: All in favor

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Clerk Reese presented the Committee with a Banner Request. Clerk Reese was instructed to get additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 17-02 (by title for introduction)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN ADDING NEW SUBSECTION CHANGING WEIGHT LIMIT ON MORNING GLORY ROAD

EXPLANATION: This Ordinance supplements and amends Chapter VII entitled "Traffic" by amending Section 7-6 entitled "Trucks Over Ten Tons Excluded" to delete Morning Glory Road and adding new Subsection 7-6.1 entitled "Trucks Over Fifteen Tons Excluded."

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 17-02 on first reading. Seconded by Committeeman Lazo. Roll call: All in favor. The public hearing for Ordinance 17-02 will be April 19, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON CHRISTY DRIVE AND HUNTERS TRAIL

EXPLANATION: This Ordinance supplements and amends Chapter VII entitled "Traffic" by amending Section 7-14 entitled "Establishment of Speed Limits within the Township" to reduce the speed limit on Christy Drive and Hunters Trail.

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 17-03 on first reading. Seconded by Committeeman Lazo. Roll call: All in favor. The public hearing for Ordinance 17-03 will be April 19, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND SECTION 16-3 ENTITLED "OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND INTERPRETATION" OF CHAPTER XVI, ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

EXPLANATION: This Ordinance amends Chapter XVI entitled "Zoning" by amending Section 16-3 entitled "Official Zoning Map and Interpretation" to change the zoning district classification on the Official Zoning Map from to CR-130/65 Residential to OR Office Research District for Block 8, Lot 3.

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Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 17-04 on first reading. Seconded by Committeeman Lazo. Roll call: All in favor. The public hearing for Ordinance 17-04 will be April 19, 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions No. 2017-86 through No. 2017-103 were submitted to the Township Committee for review and may be adopted by one motion. These resolutions are listed on the agenda for review and a complete copy made available in the Township Clerk's Office.

Mayor Garafola asked Atty. Lehrer to explain why it was important for the Township Committee to adopt Resolution No. 2017-91. Atty. Lehrer explained the exorbitant legal costs that the municipalities are having to pay for this new Fair Share Housing process, and this bill asks the Senate to set reasonable rules and regulations in order for each municipality to stop having to negotiate individually for their towns.

Committeeman Lazo made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo to adopt **Resolutions No. 2017-86 through 2017-103**. Roll call: All in favor

- 2017-86 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – NICHOLAS HAGUE AND NICHOLAS GRIECO
- 2017-87 AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE
- 2017-88 AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE TO FARM WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD, BLOCK 76 LOT 2
- 2017-89 AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE TO FARM WAGNER FARM PROPERTY, BLOCK 83, LOTS 3.01, 3.05 & 4 AND BLOCK 86 LOT 4
- 2017-90 AWARD OF CONTRACT – INLINE AIR CONDITIONING CO. INC. FOR HVAC SERVICES THROUGH ESCNJ UTILIZING THE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM
- 2017-91 SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A-4666 IMPOSES MORATORIUM ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017
- 2017-92 SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S-2212 PROHIBITS CERTAIN THIRD-PARTY PROPERTY TAX APPEALS
- 2017-93 OPPOSING SENATE BILL S-2788 MODIFIES REQUIREMENTS FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW
- 2017-94 AUTHORIZING FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH 181 GAURISUTA REALTY, LLC REGARDING BLOCK 78 LOTS 12

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- 2017-95 AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF ONE FIRE HYDRANT VALLEY VIEW ROAD EXTENSION
- 2017-96 APPROVING THE PLAN AND SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED BY PS&S FOR "KRAUSHE ROAD PRESSURE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM"
- 2017-97 AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT MUNICIPAL BOND ATTORNEY
- 2017-98 AUTHORIZING CHANGE FUND FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT/FIRE PREVENTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 AND ELIMINATION OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CHANGE FUND
- 2017-99 AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT KENNON SURVEYING SERVICES, INC. PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
- 2017-100 AUTHORIZING NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION ONLINE ACCESS PROGRAM AGREEMENT
- 2017-101 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228,400
- 2017-102 AMENDING 2017 TEMPORARY BUDGET
- 2017-103 AUTHORIZE DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1.64 ACRES KNOWN AS BLOCK 78, LOT 12 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN AS AN "AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT" UNDER THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.)

DEFERRED BUSINESS – there was none at this time

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. 2017 Budget
Mr. Krane present the initial Budget info for 2017, comments should be submitted by April 3rd. Introduction of the budget is scheduled for April 19, 2017.
- b. Affordable Housing Update
Atty. Lehrer reported that after each side presented their plans the Judge has ordered the Fair Share Housing Authority to present a more reasonable offer.
- c. 2016 Open Space Report
Presented to the Township Committee for their review.
- d. Proposed Change Order #7
Mr. Krane explained the details of the Change Order which was a credit of (\$13,389.90).
- e. New Retail Distribution Liquor License
Clerk Reese prepared an analysis of the distribution licenses sold in the surrounding municipalities. The Township Committee requested Clerk Reese to provide them with additional information for the April meeting.
- f. Township Website Portal Name Contest was deferred until there was a full council.

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- g. Grand Opening Date for the new Town Hall
The Township Committee agreed that it would be on Memorial Day, after the parade.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Business owner, Mr. Parikh of Krausz's Food Store, 61 Mountain Blvd. asked about the procedure for the selling of the new Liquor Distribution License. Clerk Reese provided him with the time line starting with the April meeting and the procedure after the winning bid was awarded.

Mr. Lakatos of 7 Horseshoe Lane requested a copy of the Open Space report and complained about yet another power outage in the Township from 3:48 AM until 6:45 AM during the recent snow storm. Administrator Krane will follow up with JCP&L.

Committeeman Marion arrived to the meeting at 7:50 PM.

ADJOURN

Committeeman Marion made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Lazo to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: April 19, 2017